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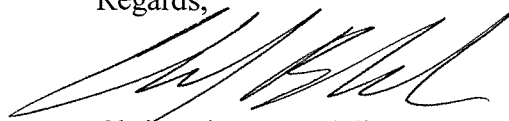
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Dear Adam:

Pursuant to the parties' agreement as memorialized in my May 8, 2012 letter to you, please find enclosed the materials that Dr. Paul A. Gompers considered or relied upon for his August 13, 2012 Report. Defendants make this reciprocal production of materials subject to the limitations, protections and objections set forth in my May 8, 2012 letter. Please note that the production contains excel files (GOMPERS 000001-9) that have been marked as "Confidential" pursuant to the Protective Orders and should be treated accordingly.

Additionally, in response to your proposal from yesterday that Plaintiffs wish to depose Dr. Gompers on September 7, 2012, that date only works for Dr. Gompers if the deposition takes place in Boston, MA due to his teaching responsibilities at Harvard Business School. Please let us know if that works for you.

Regards,



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